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June 29, 1983

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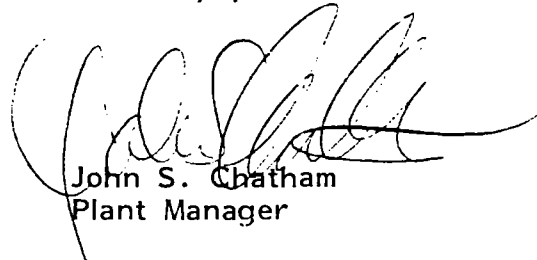
Dear Ms. Woitte;

This is in answer to the EPA letter concerning the West 9th Avenue site in Gary, Indiana and signed by Kirk F. Sniff, Acting Associate Enforcement Counsel for Waste.

To the best of our knowledge ETHICON, INC. never has had any transactions with Steve Martell or Liquid Engineering Company involving the storage, transport or disposal of hazardous wastes or substances. Nor has ETHICON, INC. ever shipped any hazardous wastes or substances to the "9th Avenue site." Thus, we have no record of any kind which relates to the request of the EPA letter.

The undersigned hereby certifies that all statements contained herein are true and accurate to the best of his belief.

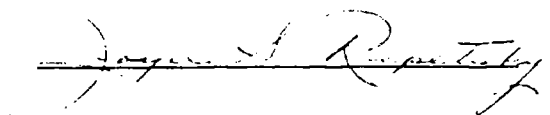
Sincerely yours,



John S. Chatham
Plant Manager

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public of the State of Illinois, this 29th day of June 1983.



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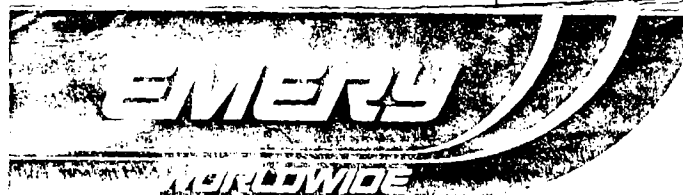
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